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AT SEA

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GERMANS PULL OUT OF NETHERLANDS AS MONTY'S MEN CLOSE IN

It is now clear that the Germans are pulling out of the Netherlands. There has been heavy traffic on the roads, all making for Germany.

Signs of demolitions on airfields have been seen.

Hundreds of barges are being assembled in the Zuider Zee.

Meanwhile, reports from correspondents state that there is now only one important road ahead of Montgomery's troops before the Netherlands "V weapon coast" is completely cut off.

There has been no rocket nor flying bomb activity over England for several days.

SUPPLIED BY AIR:

Full details of the present offensives in Germany, however, are still covered by the security black-out, but it is evident that our tank thrusts have not yet reached their limits. In some cases, ordinary supply lines have been exhausted, and columns are now being supplied with petrol, etc., by air transport.

The fall of Innsbruck is announced. Airborne troops made a night attack, and by daylight the city had been captured. In the meantime, tank columns have by-passed the city.

150,000 CUT OFF

The 1st and 3rd American armies are fighting on two fronts because of the German pocket in the Ruhr. It is believed that about 150,000 of the enemy are cut off here. Break-out attempts so far have been thwarted.

This region is hilly and is largely built-up and the reduction of the pocket will not be either simple or speedy. In addition to this the enemy have, of course, ample supplies, except petrol,

Vienna Woods:

Russian forces are attacking the outer defences of Vienna, to the south of the city, in the forests known in song and story as the "Vienna Woods."

There is also fighting in the industrial centre of Wiener Neustadt. and round the defences of Bratislavia.

SEND IT IN

YOU are all aware we are trying to make, Our own ship's Magazine, So what about a spot of help, And tell us what you've seen. We'd like to get some straight stuff, So sit down and begin, And when you feel it is the goods, We implore, —SEND IT IN.!

You can do it in a story, Or a poem, or little sketch, And if you want to make it funny. Broad grins its bound to fetch. I mean to say, we need something, To share our kith and kin, Its the last time we'll be all together, So be a pal, and SEND IT IN.

CALLING ALL KIWIS!

Lectures

FRIDAY: "N.Z. R.S.A," by Sgt. H. Parkin, Troops Recreation room.

SATURDAY: "E.R.S. and its Programme," by Sgt. W. A. Graeve, Troops Rec. room.

When the present series of concerts end, it is intended to arrange a fresh concert programme. The services of artists are sought and anyone willing to oblige with entertainment or suggestions for items will be greatly appreciated.

Efforts are being made to form an orchestra. It is regrettable that the evening sing-songs on the after weN-deck have had to be abandoned owing to damage by sea air to piano accordions.